



# California State Fire Training

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## INTERIM SFT PROCEDURES

<b>Procedure Title:</b>	<b>Investigation Instructor</b>
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### 6.8.12: INVESTIGATION INSTRUCTOR

#### 6.8.12.1: Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fire Investigation 1B: Techniques of Fire Investigation</li><li>Fire Investigation 2A: Criminal and Legal Procedures</li><li>Fire Investigation 2B: Field Case Studies</li><li><u>Fire Investigation 1A: Basic Fire Investigation (2017)</u></li><li><u>Fire Investigation 1B: Evidence and Documentation (2017)</u></li><li><u>Fire Investigation 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings (2017)</u></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>

#### 6.8.12.2: General Qualifications

- A. A primary instructor for a CFSTES or FSTEP Fire Investigation course shall meet the qualifications required of all SFT registered primary instructors.
- See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.

#### 6.8.12.3: Rank and Professional Experience

- A. A primary instructor for a CFSTES or FSTEP Fire Investigation course shall meet the rank and professional experience qualifications listed below.
- Performing in an “acting” capacity does not qualify.

CFSTES Courses	Rank and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fire Investigation 1B</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Had the responsibility for origin and cause determination within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fire Investigation 2A</li><li>Fire Investigation 2B</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Held the position of fire investigator within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of</li></ul>

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• <u>Fire Investigation 1A (2017)</u>	• <u>Held the rank or position of fire investigator within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two years</u>
• <u>Fire Investigation 1B (2017)</u>	
• <u>Fire Investigation 1C (2017)</u>	

#### **6.8.12.4: Instructor Registration Equivalency**

##### **A. Fire Investigation 1A, 1B and 1C (2017) Registration**

- a. Fire Investigation Instructors who are registered to teach Fire Investigation 1A (2000), Fire Investigation 1B (2011), Fire Investigation 2A (1989), or Fire Investigation 2B (1989) are authorized to instruct the Fire Investigation 1A, 1B and 1C (2017).

#### **Justification:**

The State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) has approved the Fire Investigator (2017) curriculum and certification training standards as a replacement for the Fire Investigator I (1981) and Fire Investigator II (1986) certification track. These changes are directed at meeting the specific Job Performance Requirements for Fire Investigator certification established in NFPA standard 1033 (2014 edition).

The current SFT Procedures Manual dated January 2015 does not include the updated curriculum. This interim procedure clarifies the instructor registration requirements for instructors seeking to teach these updated courses.

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